GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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ASSIGNMENT TO US COMPANY FOR MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL CALAMITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has given an assignment to an American Company and give them advance for collecting the Map covering about 100 Kms long coastal areas of India as a part of Andhra Pradesh Government's programme for management of natural calamity;

(b) if so, the fact thereof; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): According to information made available by the State Government, Andhra Pradesh State Remote Sensing Application Centre (APSRSAC) enterednto an agreement with M/s. Space Imaging Corporation, U.S.A. for supply of high resolution IKONOS satellite data covering 20 kms' width of the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh for use in the Hazard Mitigation Studies.However, the Letter of Credit has not been opened in favour of the said U.S. company. In the mean time, the State Government has taken up the matter with the Department of Space, Government of India, to further process the case.